CAVALIERS OF THE MIDWEST

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This was my first judging appointment in the USA and first time judging Cavaliers overseas. I was so honoured to be invited. I would like to thank all the Committee for their hospitality shown to myself and Graham, we were very much spoiled and made very welcome by everyone. The amount of work that is put into the running of the Show is tremendous, many UK Shows can learn from you. I would like to thank all the exhibitors that had travelled long distances to show under me, and I was honoured to be given the chance of going over your dogs. Many thanks to my Steward Ginger Harrison for keeping me right and to Holly Young May for all her hard work. I was very impressed with the quality of the dogs especially in the bitches where I was spoiled for choice. I would also like to say the presentation was second to none, all dogs were immaculate which is why I haven't commented about that in my individual reports on the dogs. Congratulations for a fabulous weekend.

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THE DOG CLASSES

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG (3)

1. MARJORELLE CATCH ME IF YOU CAN (Conley)

Very confident 8 month old Blenheim full of quality, lovely head, well placed ears, soft dark eyes, good pigmentation, just the right amount of bone, lovely neck and shoulders, body shape, moved with confidence around the ring.

BEST PUPPY DOG, BEST PUPPY IN SHOW

2. STONEPIT OLLY MURS (Gentil)

Not as confident as #1, none the less, a lovely puppy. Correct amount of bone, soft round dark eyes, good short body, level topline, another very promising Blenheim.

3. FOXCREEK HEARTBREAKER (Johnson)

The baby of the class at 5 months, so gave a lot away compared with 1 and 2. The essentials are all there, pleasing make and shape, moved out well around the ring.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG (3)

1. **REDBUD BACHELOR PARTY** (Scott)

Lovely sized Blenheim, good head and soft expression, lovely dark eyes, excellent nose pigmentation, good front and level topline held on the move.

2. **DIORCHAVON DOCTOR LOU ON CALL** (Bialek)

Up to size for me, otherwise a very nice Blenheim, lovely head and large dark eyes giving soft expression, well balanced, moved soundly from behind, just untidy in the front today.

3. BROOKHAVEN FOREVER YOUNG (Bolster/Ayers)

Didn't move out as well as 1 and 2, overall a very nice puppy, masculine head with soft gentle expression, good bone, well presented.

GRADUATE PUPPY DOG (1)

1. MYSTICKNIGHT DOG DAYS OF SUMMER AT CRIMSLEE (Brandvold)

A very immature 15 month old ruby who will need bags of time to mature and come together, the essentials are all there. Pleasing head and expression, dark eyes, good earset. Moved around the ring ok.

NOVICE DOG (1)

1. NIGHTINGALE SUGAR DADDY (Mulligan)

Nice sized 10 month Blenheim. Lovely conformation and size, moved around the ring with confidence holding his topline.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG (2)

1. **CLARMARIAN HEIR APPARENT** (Young-May)

A very nice Blenheim dog up to size for me, but a very sound mover, both front and rear, which won him the class. Lovely masculine head with soft expression. Excellent front and hind angulation, good outline. Well off for body and bone. Excellent tailset.

2. **HUNTCREST MY GUY** (Weiner-Pope)

Loved the size of this Blenheim, but his hind movement let him down today. Lovely head, correct eye, both colour and size. Level topline with nice neck and shoulders.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED DOG (1)

1. **ISLEPOSEA WALK ON FERRY, JW** (Hoehn)

Very nice make and shape to this 14 month Blenheim. Lovely type, excellent head, large dark eyes, pleasing expression, level topline, good spring of rib, well balanced and moved out well around the ring.

AMERICAN BRED DOG (5)

1. FORESTCREEK GRAYTON (Cline/Cline)

Wow, the minute this dog enters the ring your eye is draw to him, and he did not disappoint on the table. Beautifully put together, excels in head, excellent eye and pigmentation, correct ear placement, elegant neck, good front shoulder and ribcage, good turn of stifle, holds himself well going around the ring. **RESERVE WINNERS DOG**

2. CHADWICK SHOOTING UPWARDS AT CEILIMOR (McCarty/Eckersley)

Another very nice Blenheim. Jet black nose, lovely large dark eyes, excellent front, level topline. Moved out well around the ring.

3. **FOX CREEK PRINCE CHARMING** (Morrison/Johnson)

Masculine head, dark eyes, good balanced body, well sprung ribs.

4. OGGBRAE DON OTTAVIO (Bales/Bales)

Pleasing head, balanced body, didn't move as well as others in the class.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLEN DOG (4)

1. **JAYBA JACK OF ALL TRADES** (Lander/Hamilton)

Very nice headed Blenheim. Lovely large dark eyes, excellent pigmentation, well laid shoulders, excellent body shape and depth of chest and topline, was close for top honours.

2. BRAEMARRA RUBEN OF SAMARA (Gentil)

Lovely sized Blenheim, excellent front and hind assembly, excellent head properties, much to like.

3. ANARA KONSTANTINE (Neumeier)

Lighter marked Blenheim and a shade longer cast than 1 & 2. Pleasing in head with excellent earset. Good front and hind angulation.

4. **BONITOS CAMPANEROS JAY-JAY** (Koehring)

Pleasing dog all round, standing presents a balanced picture, today was let down on the move.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOUR DOG (1)

1. **SERPHAVEN RETURN OF THE KING** (Gogol)

Lovey head and eye framed by long ear fringing, excellent neck leading into good shoulders, excellent bone. Firm level topline. A very stylish dog who should gain his crown.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY DOG (2)

1. ENG CH HARANA ERROL BROWN, ENG JW (Ayers/Martz/Koster)

The only dog that I have judged before in the UK. My opinion is unchanged in him. Today not in full coat. Excellent head, eye and pigmentation, love his shape and size, holds himself well on the move, should gain his title in the USA.

2. KHATIBI ONE IN VERMILLION (Maddox)

Another very nice ruby that has good overall balance, nice head and eye, good front and hind angulation, just prefer the overall picture of 1.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLACK-and-TAN DOG (1)

1. **SVENA FORTUNE TELLER** (Shidler)

Masculine headed Black-and-Tan. Well set ears, body shape is ok, excellent topline and tailset. Moved out well around the ring.

OPEN DOG (6) "This was a lovely class of dogs."

1. CH KEAN CHRISTIAN AT SHIRMONT (Henry/Henry/Keane)

This dog just shouts Cavalier, I wouldn't change anything. Beautiful masculine head and lovely large dark eyes giving the true cavalier expression, excellent neck and shoulders, good bone, good depth of chest and ribcage, firm topline and correct tailset, strong well made quarters with correct angulation. Presents a very pleasing outline and is so good to go over. He just never stopped showing. Just loved him. Would easily gain his crown if shown in the UK.

BEST IN SHOW, WINNERS DOG, BEST AMERICAN BRED IN SHOW, BEST BLENHEIM IN SHOW, BEST AMERICAN BRED DOG, BEST BLENHEIM DOG

2. CH CHADWICK JET SETTER AT HUDSONVIEW, JW (Glynn/Glynn)

Lovely head and eye, lovely dark eyes, excellent neck and shoulders, good bone, well balanced body shape and moved soundly around the ring. Another very pleasing Blenheim.

3. CH CHADWICK CODE BLACK (McCarty/Eckersley)

Stunning headed tricolour. Masculine with lovely large dark expressive eyes, super body shape, just felt he didn't cover the ground today as I thought he should.

4. **CH MIMIC AMERICAN HEARTTHROB** (Bolster/Hodges)

Well-balanced and soundly made Blenheim, pleasing in head and expression.

SENIOR OPEN DOG (2)

1. CH CHANTISMERE CAST A SPELL ON CORDUKE (Mulligan)

A very sound moving 9 year old Blenheim. Masculine in head, pleasing in front and hind angulation, good body shape, overall a very nice dog.

2. BROOKHAVEN ENCHANTED DREAMER (Brown)

This Blenheim could match 1 on the move today, non the less, well made body, firm topline and correct tailset.

THE BITCH CLASSES

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH (6)

1. MILETREE MAGNOLIA AT SHIRMONT (Henry/Henry)

I loved this very smart feminine baby, scores for balance and size, lovely eyes and pigment, excellent bone, good shoulders and topline, tailset bang on and has super quarters. A very smart mover. I am sure she will have a very promising show career. **BEST PUPPY BITCH**

2. LINRICA MIRACLE BABY (Liu)

Another very nice Blenheim, good for size and balance, head needs to develop a little, but has nice eyes and pigment. Well off for bone, not so positive on the move as 1.

3. TUDORR MY BROWN EYED GIRL (Mixon/Mixon)

A very raw Blenheim compared with 1 and 2, but will finish looking the part as all the essentials are there. Very pretty head and excellent pigment.

4. **GRANLAUREL JOSIE & THE PUSSYCATS** (Gregory)

A bigger made bitch all over, so hope she has finished growing, well made body, pleasing in head with lovely eyes. Good bone and substance.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH (4)

1. **CHADWICK FREQUENT FLYER** (Eckersley)

A lovely shaped Blenheim. Well made with plenty of substance, but not overdone, has a pretty head and dark expressive eyes, lovely neck and shoulders. Very smart on the move.

2. **AUTUMN HILL UNFORGETTABLE** (O'Brien/Tatum)

Very feminine Ruby, pretty head, eye and ear set, very good body properties, would just like her to move out better and cover the ground.

3. BRYREWOOD YOU SEND ME (Torgersen/Baldwin)

Good overall make and shape, well marked Tri, shade plainer in head at the moment. Carries herself well on the move.

4. ANARA LAVENDER ROSE (Neumeier)

Good for size and balance, head needs to develop a little, but has nice eyes and pigment, well off for bone, not so positive on the move.

GRADUATE PUPPY BITCH (4)

1. **BENTWOOD FORESTCREEK DIAMOND AND SILK** (Cline)

Loved this bitch, such a pretty head and dark eyes framed by long ear feathering, ears set correctly, excellent neck and shoulders, correct bone, so well made in body with a good topline and lovely tailset, when standing and on the move. Very good quarters, coat is well-broken and silky texture. She moved steadily at all times. Just loved her.

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW, BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX, WINNERS BITCH, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR IN SHOW, BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH

2. TUDORR SONG OF ICE AND FIRE, JW (Mixon/Mixon)

Another quality Blenheim, very well balanced, lovely head and eyes providing for excellent expression, good bone and substance, correct front assembly, level topline, well set on tail and good quarters, moved well both ways, just not as mature as 1.

3. CHADWICK SAY YES TO THE DRESS (Eckersley)

Very nice Blenheim. Well made with plenty of substance, but not overdone, has a pretty head and eye, lovely neck and shoulders, pleasing body shape.

4. ANGEL'S PRIDE KATELYNN (Lemon)

This Blenheim couldn't match the others in the class on the move, none the less, a pleasing bitch all through, she has a nice head, and firm well made body.

NOVICE BITCH (1)

1. FOXCREEK NINA ROSE (Johnson)

A pretty headed Blenheim, dark eyes, good in neck and shoulders, lovely body shape, good for size and bone, moved steadily and soundly around the ring.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH (1)

1. **CH JAYBA OHH LA LA, JW** (Lander/Lander/George)

A very glamorous bitch I loved, super head with large dark eyes giving that true Cavalier expression, framed by long ear fringing, well off for bone, deep well sprung body and excellent tailset, really used herself on the

move where she was really sound. Pity in the challenge she seemed bored and had to pay the penalty against the top two bitches.

JUNIOR AMERICAN BRED BITCH (1)

1. LINRICA REACH FOR THE STARS (Liu)

A very pretty Blenheim, feminine head, lovely outline standing which she holds on the move, lovely body shape with adequate depth of chest.

AMERICAN BRED BITCH (6)

1. **JAYBA BON TEMPS** (Lander/Lander)

Another lovely bitch bang on form today, love her size and balance, such a pretty head with large dark eyes, scores in neck and shoulders, lovely to go over on the table and didn't disappoint on the floor. Excellent topline and tail carriage, very good mover both ways, pulled out the stops in the challenge to take *RESERVE WINNERS BITCH*.

2. CLARMARIAN CONTEMPORARY CLASSIC (Young May)

Today overshadowed by 1, nonetheless a very nice bitch to go over on the table, her sound construction shows in her movement. Pleasing in head, lovely eyes.

3. **BROOKHAVEN TEMPTATION, JW** (Gregory/Ayers)

Pretty Blenheim of lovely type and correct size, nice head and expression, excellent bone, moved true.

4. CLOSEBURN BONNY WEE KILT (Fairchild)

A lovely Tricolour who had left her clothes at home, good overall balance and has a very pretty head and eye, steady on the move both ways.

SPECIAL LIMIT BLENHEIM BITCH (4)

"A very close decision between 1 & 2. Two very nice bitches."

1. **HUNTCREST EARLY EDITION** (Weiner-Pope)

Showy Blenheim with lots of style, lovely head and large dark eyes, excellent reach of neck, flowing into good topline and tailset, short coupled, good angulation, moved around the ring with drive.

2. LINRICA ROSE PETALS (Liu)

Quality Blenheim, lovely head and sweet expression, lovely body shape, dead level topline, excellent front and rear, moved well with excellent drive.

3. ANARA KIMBERLYN ROSE (Neumeier)

Pretty Blenheim of nice type, good head with soft expression, pleasing body shape, moved and showed well.

4. **KYSTLE STAR QUALITY** (Torgersen/Torgersen)

Attractive Blenheim, kind expression, well set ears, good over all make and shape.

SPECIAL LIMIT TRICOLOUR BITCH (1)

1. CLARMARIAN TRY N TRI AGAIN (Young May/McFarland)

A Tricolour that has still to fully finish in head, she has a good outline, lovely neck and shoulders, pleasing body shape, lovely hind quarters, moved soundly around the ring.

SPECIAL LIMIT RUBY BITCH (1)

1. BROOKHAVEN I BELIEVE

A Ruby of quality, very well balanced, lovely head, good bone, correct shoulders, lovely body shape and ribcage, lovely hind quarters which she used on the move. Promising bitch.

OPEN BITCH (3)

1. CH CHADWICK DRAMA, JW (Hoehn/Eckersley)

Beautiful Blenheim full of quality, lovely head, large dark eyes giving soft gentle expression, excellent body shape, level topline, correct front and hind assembly which showed on the move.

2. LINRICA MIGNON MOCHI, JW (Liu)

Very nice Blenheim, very pretty head and eyes, lovely neck and shoulders, balanced body. Moved out well around the ring.

3. SERAPHAVEN CUPIDS CRUSH (Gogol)

Showy Blenheim with lots to like, pleasing make and shape, feminine head, could match 1 & 2 on the move.

SENIOR OPEN BITCH (1)

1. CH PINECREST MOONSHINE AT MARKLEY, JW (Eubank/Storey)

A lovely Blenheim celebrating her 7th birthday today, can certainly show some of the younger ones how to move. Lovely head with the soft gentle expression, exellent body shape with depth of chest, level topline and correct tailset, lovely silky coat. Lovely picture standing which she holds on the move.

BEST VETERAN IN SHOW, BEST VETERAN BITCH

VETERAN DOG (2)

1. CH CHATISMERE CAST A SPELL ON CORDUKE (Mulligan)

(See Senior Open Dog)

2. KARAVALE BROOKHAVEN FINN (Utych)

An upstanding 10 year old, masculine headed Blenheim, lovely expressive eyes, soft expression, heavily coated soundly made dog, excellent front and hind angulation, moved soundly.

VETERAN BITCH (2)

1. CH PINECREST MOONSHINE AT MARKLEY, JW Eubank/Storey

(See Senior Open Bitch) **BEST VETERAN IN SHOW**

2. CLOSEBURN TIBBIE STUART (Fairchild)

Very nice Blenheim, pretty expression, lovely eyes, good pigment, pleasing neck shoulders and body shape, couldn't match 1 today on the move.

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